

PATRICK COYNE.

APRIL 11, 1884.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LE FEVRE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5380.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5380) granting a pension to Patrick Coyne, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report as follows:*

It appears from the record that Patrick Coyne enlisted August 10, 1861, as seaman on the U. S. S. Tyler, and was discharged December 5, 1862.

The claim for pension is that on or about June, 1862, while attached to the U. S. S. Tyier, during a fight on the Yazoo River with the rebel ram Arkansas, he was struck by splinters on both legs, below the knee, and was sent to hospital, Mound City, Ill., for treatment.

This claim was rejected on the ground that there is no record evidence of the alleged wounds. The hospital record shows that claimant was admitted to hospital at Mound City, Ill., as alleged, but the only disability record is diarrhea.

The record shows that claimant was discharged December 5, 1862, on account of having at that time secondary syphilis.

At an examination conducted in Dayton, January 3, 1883, all three surgeons agree upon the following report:

There are a few *dim* scars on both legs between knees and ankles. He disclaims ever having had syphilis, but we are not perfectly willing to credit his statement; hence we are not willing to rate.

There is not sufficient evidence to warrant a favorable report, hence your committee recommend that the bill do not pass.

